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THEREFOR

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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-80777, published March 31, 1998 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 3-501185, published March 14, 1991 (with English abstract).
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-109708, published April 11, 2003 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-132783, published May 22, 1990 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 60-50079, published November 6, 1985 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 1, 2004).

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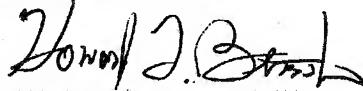
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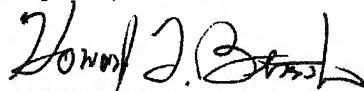
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